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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial No. 7.

Part B for June 35

SUBJECT.

Appointment of a Committee to investigate the conditions of Jail life in the State.

WD 01965.—GPB—15,000—7-7-34

11.6.35

To G 10896-9 Mysn. Gazette
The Compiler Police
The I.G.P. Prisons Non-official
The Comptroller. visitors +
The report of the Board of Visitors & Jail
the orders on Board regarding

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial No. 7

Part B for June 35.

SUBJECT.

Appointment of a Committee to investigate into the conditions of Jail life in the State.

WD 01965—GPB—15,000—7-7-34

To — G 10896-9 Mysn. Gazette 11.6.35
The Compiler Police
The I.G. of Prisons
The Comptroller.
The Non-official visitors + the Board of Jail life
Passes orders on the report of the Committee regarding Standing advisory Board

FORM III.

emorandum of Resolutions proposed to be moved in Dasara

ssion of the Representative Assembly of the Bangalore

For the Dasara Session of September 193[illegible].

Pages 16-

Subject	Resolution.
No. 2 Name of Member Mr. K.T. Shashyam Iyengar, B.A., B.L., Bangalore City.	This Assembly recommends to th Government of His Highness the Maha the appointment of a Committee to i gate into the conditions of jail li in the State and to submit a report thereon together with recommendatio for improvement therein. S. Reinpen FOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BANGALORE DISTRICT.

Ld. kind refce is invited to ~~a matter~~ subject brought up before the June session of RA 1932, & the Dept instr in the matter. ~~May the same no be adopted now abt~~ The Sr Sr may be req to be in charge of the Resln & explain the position.

2) There is no need for any appointment of the Committee as recommended in the Resln The Resln may be opposed & the I.G. of Prisons requested to be in charge of it.

(Chief Secy) 30/8

1st Member 31/8

3/Off 1/9 31/8

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a committee to enquire into
File No. Rev 16 of 1933. [illegible]

Serial No.

5) Draft letter
DSM W/L
11/9

6) Issue
DSM
7/9

7 2.

The D. I. of Mines
S. 1610 of 4-9-33.

Forward a copy of the resolution and state that the resolution has to be placed before the Council and requests him to be in charge.

7) R.A. office for note & return
DSM
21/9 W/L

Later
DSM
5/9/33

From the Secretary, R.A. and L.C.
No. 2954-58/R.A. dated 11-12-33.

Forwards a copy of the statement of promise made by Govt during the 1933 Nagpur session of the R.A. regarding the appointment of a committee to enquire into the conditions of paid labour.

8) The file may be sent to R.A. for kindly putting up a copy of ~~printed proceedings~~ discussions.
12/12 W/L
R.A. office

By B.G. aircraft
Forwarded
DSM
11/10/33

Extract from the R.A. Proceedings containing to the resolution is placed in the file & the same is returned herewith.

Dated 3.4.34 } (Sd.) Illegible (with Comdts)

Subd. with a draft to the G. G. of Prisons

H) Illegible

The G. G. of Prisons. 19

No. G. 5611 D7 9-2-34

Calls for his opinion in regard to the ~~appointment~~ appointment of a committee to investigate into the conditions in Jail life in the Etcs from the G. G. of Prisons 14

8-13 R. 19-10-34.

1) Furnishes his opinion in the matter

2) the opinions furnished by the members Etc. Advisory Board and the Board of official Visitors of the B.C. Jail has not received. Subd. with a draft calling for the

13) Issue

e statement is since received 27.10.34

Subd. for orders, if any. A copy of A. proceedings is also put up.

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re. appointment of a Committee to investigate into the conditions of jail life.

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15) Subd. with a draft to the G. of Prisons calling for a proper report.
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16) What was asked was a report on the several points discussed in the H.A. & the H.C on mr M.V. Bhashyam's resoln. The G/I has however sent a statement of opinions of individual mem of the Board —

17) Draft put up may therefore be appd —

Gensey) 22.11

18) May be approved.
and issued —

Cash. 22.11.34

19) 24/11 23/11

Cash 24.11.34

20) Issue 26/11

To the G. of Prisons.
No. G. 5402 d/28-11-1934.
Requests to send a formal and prop report in the matter, etc

Enquiry into the condition of Jail Life.

File No. of 1933. General and Revenue Secretariat

Serial No. 16.

From the I. G. of Prisons.

D. 1248-21 Dt. 8-2-35.

Forwards the full report obtained from the members of the Standing Advisory Board and the Board of Non-official Visitors of the central Jail.

2) Subh. It is seen from the Report sent by the I. G. Prisons, that the members of the Standing Advisory Board and the Non-official Visitors are satisfied with the present condition of Jail Life in the State. They, however, recommend the following improvements:-

1) They recommend that each prisoner may be given a third earthen ~~bowl~~ dish, in addition to the two already given, to hold their puddings.

) They recommend the introduction of flush-out system in the latrines where funds permit.

) They recommend that both official and non-official Visitors may meet in a body and visit the Jail once in 6 months on a date to be specified and notified by the Superintendent of the Jail.

) They recommend that as conditions permit the proposals for the enactment of the Children's Act, the appointment of Lady Magistrates and and establishment of a Borstal Instn may be carried out.

Report on the crash
-1726 97.

General and Revenue Secretariat — File No. 16

Serial No.

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22) Re: supply of a third earthen dish, the Govt has to be ~~con~~ enquired what the Extra cost would be.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
1 JUNE 1935
No. 1164

23) The question of introducing flush System in the latrines is one of funds & the report requires it.

24) The recommendation that visitors both off as well as non-off may meet a body once in 6 months may be accepted

25) As regards clothes & Borstal institute, the Govt of India has been asked to send up a detailed Scheme.

26) The report of the Board shows that the condition in our jails are not in any way unsatisfactory - If approved this report may be published.

Genl Secy) 14/5

GENERAL SECRETARIAT
15 MAY 1935

27) may be published & action taken as at A & B

II Member 22/5

29) May be published in the Stat G.O. before the R A meeting & Hon'ble 23/5

Sir, ~~Yours faithfully~~

W & O. 185 - G.I.S. - 22,000 - 28-6-34

30) 1-6-35

re/ the conditions of jail life.

General and Revenue Secretariat

a draft to the Q of Police requesting him to expedite his report ~~to~~ re: Borstal
) a draft G.O. to publish the report.

MRP 4/6/35

A reminder has been put up in the linked file for approx 25/6. This has been ordered to issue MRP 6/6

with a draft G.O. as ordered

33) Please get the revised draft typed for me MRP

Ld. with a typed draft. 5/6.

TYPING SECTION 5. JUN 1935 GENL. & REV. SECTT.

(In consideration & approval (Genl Secy.)

MRP 6/6

Number)

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MRP 7/6/35

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ITM 6/6

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF 7 JUNE 19 No.

ret & resubmit with file relating to Borstal

MRP 8/6

To The Comptroller, Hyd. Govt
The D. G. of Prisons
The D. G. of Police
The Comptroller, H...

No. G. 10896-9 Dt. 1-6-1935

Passed orders on the report of the Board of Non-Official Visitors and the Standing Advisory Board re: Condition of Jail Life

37) submitted with the file (clipped) about the establishment of the Borstal school as ordered above

2/4/6/35

It is the D. G of Police and not Prisons that has been asked to send up a scheme for the Borstal School in the clipped file.

Submitted for perusal with reference to the question put in the margin of para 31 above

U member) 4/6

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21/6/35

G.O. No. G. 10896-9- pris. 16-33-17 dated 11-6-3

bk. It is for orders if the printed copie
the above G.O. may be distributed to
Members of the Representative Assem

4/6/35 Gen Secy) 4/6

This may be done if approved

11 Nov 1876

16/6

16 Nov 1876.

Mr R.A. Bechon for taking the
Copies for distribution & returning the

Distributed to R.A. members
4 - remaining copies
retd
18/6/35

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Section Pris
File No. 16-33
Serial No. 7

Diary No. of letter replied to 976

No. 91610/pue -

To The Sec to Govt

Sir

General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 4-9-33

Signed by Mr M J Rao

In forwarding herewith
a copy of a resolution
proposed to be moved at
the ensuing Session of the AP
Assembly about the formation of a
Committee to investigate into
the condition of Jail life
in the State, I am directed
to state that the resolution has to be
opposed and you are requested to be
present in the House to move it
in charge of the resolution & oppose it.

I have

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Examined by.....

WD 0253—GPB—15,000—26-8-32

Chief Secretary

Duplicate Set.

WD 2168—GPB—1,000—28-4-25

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Present.

FORM III.

Memorandum of Resolutions proposed to be moved in the...Dasara..... Session of the Representative Assembly of the.....Bangalore.....District.

For the...Dasara.....Session of.....September.....1923.

Subject	Resolution.
No. 2 Name of Member Mr. K. T. Rashyam Iyengar, B.A., B.L., Bangalore City.	This Assembly recommends to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja the appointment of a Committee to inves gate into the conditions of jail life in the State and to submit a report thereon together with recommendations for improvement therein. S. Rama FOR DEPUTY COMMISSIONER, BANGALORE DISTRICT. (about the Shri)

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Pris 16-33-7

From
The Chief Secy to Govt

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To
The Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Bangalore, 4th September 1933xx

Sir,

In forwarding herewith copy of a resolution proposed to be moved at the ~~xxxxx~~ ensuing Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly about the formation of a Committee to investigate into the condition of Jail life in the state, I am directed to State that the resolution has to be opposed and you are requested to be in charge of it.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Chief Secretary to Government.

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No.2954-58/R.A.

R. A.and L.C. Office.
11th December 1933.

From

The Secretary,
R.A. and L.C.

To

The General Secretary to Government.

Sir,

I have the honor to forward herewith a copy of the Statement of Promises made by Government during the Dasara Session of the R.A. 1933, and to request that suitable action maykindly be taken and intimation thereof sent to this office on or before the 2nd April 1934.

I have etc.,

Sd- C. Subramanya Iyer,

Secretary, R.A. and L.C.

G.M. (Pris)

Early.
Intd. A.R.J.
12/12.

The Mysore Representative Assembly
Dasara Session - 1933

Promise	Action taken
With regard to the resolution moved by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam Iyengar recommending the appointment of a Committee to investigate into the conditions of jail life in the State and to submit a report thereon together with recommendations for improvement therein, the Dewan replied that Government would have no objection to refer the discussions on the subject to the Board of Visitors and the Standing Advisory Committee with a request to furnish a full report on all the matters referred to. (Resolution No.2)	

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. G. 5611/Rec/Pris 16-33-9

Bangalore, Dated, 9th Febraury 1934.

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith copy of Resolution No.2. moved by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam Iyengar in the Dasara Session of the Representative Assembly, 1933, regarding the appointment of a Committee to investigate into the conditions of Jail life in the State and the discussions thereon and to request you to be so good as to place the same before the Board of Visitors and the Standing Advisory Committee of the Central Jail, Bangalore, for furnishing a full report on all the matters referred to therein.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

for General Secretary to Government.

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Section Pris.

File No. 16-33

Serial No. 911

No. G. 5611/Encl.

To the I.G. of Prisons.

Sir,

I am directed to forward herewith copy of Resolution No. moved by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam Iyengar in the Dasara session of the R.A, 1933, regarding the appointment of a Committee to investigate into the condition of Jail life in the state, and the discussions thereon and to request you to be so good as to place the same before the Board of Visitors and the standing Advisory Committee of of the central Jail, Bdore for furnishing a full report

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Date of issue 9/2/34

Signed by .....

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P.T.O.

in all the matters referred to.
therein

I have the.

&c
General secretary.

1726 Pris (17)

In replying please quote
No. 1248-13

Office of the Inspector General of Prisons
in Mysore

Bangalore, dated the 19th October 1934.

GENERAL SECRETARIAT
20 OCT 1934 FROM

Sastravaidya Pravina
S. SUBBA RAO, Esq., B.A., M.B.C.M., M.R.C.S., (ENG.) L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,
INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF PRISONS IN M

To
The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.G.5611/Pris.16-33-9 dated the 9th February 1934, I have the honor to forward herewith the opinions furnished by the Members of the Standing Advisory Board and the Board of Non-Official Visitors of the Bangalore Central Jail on Resolution No.2 moved by Mr.K.T.Bhasvam Iyengar regarding the appointment of a Committee to investigate into the conditions of Jail life in the State. All the three members of the Standing Advisory Board have furnished their opinion on the Subject. But of the six members constituting the Board of Non-Official Visitors, only three Viz. Dr. E.S.Krishnaswamy Iyer, Rev. A.E.Walden, and Mr.A.J.Khaleel have furnished their views, and the remaining three Viz. Messrs B.Abdual Rahimon and R. Gopalaswamy Iyer and Mrs.Revamma Ramaiya have not, inspite of reminders issued to them. The members have touched only upon some and not upon all the points.

The points discussed in the Assembly are marked off as 29 in number, and are set forth in the enclosed statement in the order in which they were taken up for discussion. The few observations made by the Government members (First Member of Council and the Dewan) them and there, and the opinions of the members of the two Jail Boards are noted against the points concerned. As for my views on the subject, I state as follows :-

Point 1. Convicts have since been supplied each with an additional suit of clothing as per Govt Order No.G.15/Pris.1-33-2 D/29-8-33 and therefore there is no necessity for any extra supply of clothing to them.

Point 2. The food given to prisoners is physiologically good Vegetables are changed from day to day. The dall used is the very best that can be had. Ragi food is nutritious and in fact preferred to rice by most of the labouring convicts. Such of the convicts as were unaccustomed to eat Ragi in their outside life are given rice as per G.O.No.G.454 8/Pris.27-33-4 D/4-1-33. At a meeting of the South Indian Science Association, the kind of food given to prisoners coming up for discussion, it was generally agreed that the food given in Jails was above criticism. No further concession under this item is therefore necessary.

Point 3. Prisoners enjoy the benefits of fresh air and adequate ventilation far more efficiently in Jails than in their houses.

Point 4. A big sized towel is now issued to every prisoner and bathing is thereby rendered easier.

Point 5. The mover's statement that there are only 5 or 6 latrines in the Central Jail is grossly incorrect. There are about 50 latrines in the Jail. No prisoner has ever complained, it is reported, against lack of privacy in them. The flush-out system recommended is too costly and is also unnecessary in as much as it results in wastefulness of the manure required for the Jail garden. The sanitary arrangements in the Jail are not unsatisfactory, and, if necessary, they will be improved as and when funds permit.

Point 6. The different industries carried on in the Jail provide for a variety of work. Prisoners are trained in carpentry, weaving, tailoring, rattan work and other industries in order that they may turn to honest living after release. It is found that many of the long term prisoners who had received training in these industries have, after release, been employed in firms or Mills, or have started their own small-scale Home Industries.

Point 7. Medical aid to convicts have always been prompt and adequate.

Point 8 and 25. Flogging as a punishment is indispensable for maintenance of discipline among a crowd of hardened criminals of varying temperaments and is resorted to only in exceptional circumstances, and when no other form of punishment is effective to meet the case. The moment "Flogging" is abolished, prisoners would become unmanageable, and Prison offences would considerably increase in number.

Point 9. It is not possible to provide out door sports like cricket, football etc., to a large number of prisoners who have their own animosities against one another. Besides, the Jail has no open ground for the purpose.

Point 10. European prisoners are given in Jails just the necessaries of life that they are accustomed to in their free life. A cup of tea or a flannel shirt, for instance, is a necessity for a European labourer, while it is a luxury for an Indian labourer. The allegation that European prisoners are treated with partiality is therefore untenable. If, as suggested by the mover, Indian prisoners should also be fed like European prisoners on bread, coffee, butter, milk etc., and be provided with other conveniences, Jail life would become more attractive and enjoyable than the home life to which the prisoner is accustomed; and the very object for which Jails exist would be defeated.

11. The Prisons Act is under revision.

Points 13 and 14. The Standing Advisory Board is authorised under Rule 309 of the Mysore Jail Manual to recommend in deserving cases the probational release of prisoners, and the Board of non-official Visitors to suggest measures for improvements. If, as suggested by the Mover, the Boards are invested with more powers, it would bring in a dual management, which would, in my opinion, rather impede than promote efficiency.

Points 15 and 16. The Jail Library is being enlarged and the draft of the Children's Act will be submitted to Government after the Prisons Regulation is passed.

Points 17 and 18. The Government have appointed and will continue to appoint Lady Magistrates, and Reformatories will be established as soon as conditions permit.

Point 19. Civil prisoners are kept separate from Criminals as far as conditions of the buildings permit.

Point 20. The question of releasing Juvenile offenders on bail offered by their parents, on which the Members of the Boards are silent, may be referred to the High Court.

Point 21. Captain Y.V.A.Aiya's insinuation that prisoners are leading a "hellish life" in Jails is absolutely incorrect. Prisoners should have only necessaries and no luxuries.

Point 22. Vide. Remarks against point 2.

Point 23. " " 9.

Point 24. Soapnut powder is being issued to all prisoners, and oil-bath recommended by Mr.Y.V.Ayya is unnecessary.

Points 25 and 26. Vide. Remarks against point 8.

Point 27. If the Boards consist entirely of conservatives, it would make progress impossible; and if entirely of persons who are too radical in their views, it would lead to needless and rash experiments in reform. The Boards should therefore consist of both types of members as at present.

Point 28. Vide. Remarks against point 10.

Point 29. Mr.Bhasyam's opinion that increase in the weight of prisoners is due to the hard work given to them is untenable It is undoubtedly due to the nutritious food given to them.

On the main resolution regarding the appointment of a separate Committee to enquire into the conditions of Jail life, the members are generally silent. The work expected of such a Committee is already being attended to by the Jail Boards. The recommendations made by the Boards from time to time are, in a majority of cases, approved and sanctioned by Government. I therefore hold that the appointment of another Committee to cover the same ground and for the same purpose is unnecessary.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S. Subba Rao.

Inspector General of Prisons

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

Dated, Bangalore, 27th Novr. 1934.

No. G5402/Enc.
Pris 16-33 15

From

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

To

The Inspector General of Prisons in Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No.1248—13 dated 19th October 1934 forwarding the opinions furnished by the Members of the Standing Advisory Board and the Board of Non-Official Visitors of the Bangalore Central Jail on resolution No.2 moved by Mr.K.T.Bhashyam Iyengar in the Representative Assembly (Dasara Session) of October 1933 re: the appointment of a committee to investigate into the conditions of Jail Life in the State, I am directed to state that what was called for in this office letter No.G.5611/Pris.16-33-9 dated 9th February 1934 and what was promised by the Dewan in the Representative Assembly (vide page 232 of the proceedings) was a full report of the two Boards referred to above and not the opinions of the individual members of the Boards. I am therefore to request that a formal and proper report in the matter together with your opinion thereon may kindly be forwarded early.

The enclosures received with your letter are returned herewith.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

For General Secretary to Government.

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SUBJECT .....

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Section pris

File No. 16-33

Serial No. 15

Diary No. of letter replied to .....

No. G 5402/Encl

To the I.G. of Prisons,

Sir,

With reference to correspondence ending with your letter No. 1248-13 dated 19-10-34 forwarding the opinions furnished by the members of the Standing Advisory Board and the Board of Non-official Visitors of the Bellary central jail on Resolution No. 2 moved by Rt. H. R.T. Bhashyam Iyengar in the R.A. (Madras Session) October 1933 re: the appointment of a committee to investigate into the conditions of jail life in the State, I am directed to state that

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Date of issue .... 28/11/34 .....

Signed by .....

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WD 01956—GPB—22,500—12-6-34

what was called for in this office
letter No. G-5611-/pris./16-33 = 9-L-9-2-34
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Deputation in the R. A. Circle (page 232 of
the proceedings) was a full report
of the two Boards referred to above
and not the ~~individual~~ opinions
of the ~~members~~ individual members
of the Boards. I am therefore to
request that a formal and proper
report in the matter, together with yo
~~be communicated to~~ placed before
~~the Assembly and the Council~~, may
kindly be forwarded early.

The enclosures received
with your letter are returned
herewith.

I have etc.

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General Secretary.

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Office of the Inspector General of Prisons
in Mysore

Bangalore, dated the 26th February 1935.

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SASTRA VAIDYA PRAVINA
S. SUBBA RAO, Esq., B.A., M.B.C.M., M.R.C.S., (Eng.) L.R.C.P., D.P.H.
INSPECTOR GENERAL OF PRISONS IN MYSORE, BANGALORE.

J FEB. 1935

The General Secretary to the Government of His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore, Bangalore.

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With reference to your letter No.G.5402/Pris.16-33-15 lated the 27th November 1934, I have the honor to forward nerewith, in original, the full report obtained from the nembers of the Standing Advisory Board and the Board of Non-)fficial Visitors of the Bangalore Central Jail regarding :he appointment of a Committee to investigate into the condi-:ions of Jail life in the State, and to state that I am quite in agreement with the opinions expressed by the Members of :he Boards in the matter.

I have the honor to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

S. Subba Rao

Inspector General of Prisons.

Proceedings of the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

R e a d:-

Correspondence ending with letter No. 1248-21 dated 8th February 1935 from the Inspector General of Prisons, forwarding the report obtained from the Members of the Standing Advisory Board and the Board of Non-Official Visitors of the Bangalore Central Jail regarding the appointment of a Committee to investigate into the conditions of Jail Life in the State.

Order No. 4 (0896-91) 4-34.16-33-14 11-6-1935

Dated, Bangalore the 11th 1935

At the September Session of the Representative Assembly held in ~~October~~ 1933, a resolution was moved by Mr. K.T. Bhashyam Iyengar for the appointment of a Committee to investigate into the conditions of Jail life in the State and to submit a report thereon together with recommendations for improvement therein. Government ~~consider~~ said that there was no need for the appointment of any Committee for the purpose but promised to refer the discussions on the subject to the Board of non-official visitors and the Standing Advisory Board of the Central Jail, Bangalore with a request to furnish a full report on all the matters referred to. ~~Such a~~ reference was accordingly made and the Boards after fully considering the matter have sent their report which is herewith published for general information.

Government ~~are glad to~~ observe that the

general condition of ~~prisoners~~ prisoners and their treatment in the Central Jail Bangalore are reported to be quite satisfactory. The main recommendations made in the report for further improvement are

i) that each prisoner may be given another earthern dish to hold ragi puddi

ii) that when funds permit the flush out system of latrines may be ~~improved.~~ introduced

3) that both official and non-official visitors may meet in a body and visit the jail once in 6 months on a date to be specified ~~and notified~~ by the Superintendent.

and 4) that as early as conditions permit a Children's Act may be enacted for Mysore and a Borstal School for Juvenile offenders be established.

Regarding the grant of an additional earthern dish to each prisoner the Inspector General of Prisons is requested to report what the extra cost would be on this account.

Government have no objection to accept the recommendation regarding the official and non-official visitors meeting in a body and are pleased to direct further action in the matter being taken by the Inspector General of Prisons.

The question of introducing a Children's Act in Mysore and establishing a Borstal School is under investigation, and separate orders will issue as soon as a decision is arrived at.

The introduction of a flush out system of latrines is one of funds and as recommended by the Board. it will

be considered as soon as funds permi

General Secretary to Govt.

To

The Compiler, Mysore Gazette.

The Inspector General of Prisons

The Inspector General of Police.

The Comptroller

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REPORT

By Visitors and Members of the Standing Advisory Board of the Bangalore Central Jail on Resolution No.2. moved at the Representative Assembly of 1933(Dasara Sess and points discussed thereupon.

General Conditions of Prisoners

Clothing of prisoners:- Prisoners are now given 2 sets of dress in accordance with Government Order No.G.1383-I Pris.1-33-2 dated the 29th August 1933.The Committee are of opinion that no further action is necessary.

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Government of his highness the Maharaja of Mysore.

GENERAL AND REVENUE DEPARTMENTS.

G. O. No. G. 10896-9—Pri. M. 16-33-17, dated 10—11th June 1935.

General Condition of Prisoners in the Jail.

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Correspondence ending with letter No. 1248-21, dated 8th February 1935, from the Inspector-General of Prisons, forwarding the report obtained from the members of the Standing Advisory Board and the Board of non-Official Visitors of the Bangalore Central Jail, regarding the appointment of a Committee to investigate into the conditions of Jail life in the State.

ORDER No. G. 10896-9—Pri. M. 16-33-17, DATED BANGALORE, THE 10—11TH JUNE 1935.

At the September Session of the Representative Assembly held in 1933, a resolution was moved by Mr. K. T. Bhashyam Iyengar, for the appointment of a Committee to investigate into the conditions of Jail life in the State and to submit a report thereon together with recommendations for improvement therein. Government said that there was no need for the appointment of any Committee for the purpose but promised to refer the discussions on the subject to the Board of non-Official Visitors and the Standing Advisory Board of the Central Jail, Bangalore, with a request to furnish a full report on all the matters referred to. A reference was accordingly made and the Boards after fully considering the matter, have sent their report which is herewith published for general information.

Government observe that the general condition of prisoners and their treatment in the Central Jail, Bangalore, are reported to be quite satisfactory. The main recommendations made in the report for further improvement are—

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H. V. RAMASVAMI,
Secretary to Government,
General Department.

To—The Compiler, *Mysore Gazette.*
The Inspector-General of Prisons in Mysore.
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ANNEXURE.

REPORT.

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